

IN FOCUS

by Alice Wilson

'Puttin' On The Ritz'

On Friday, July 28, starting at 8:00 p.m., Armstrong/Ray & Ross will be presenting their annual scholarship program to be held at the Cashman Field Theatre Complex. The evening will include the scholarship awards to Miss Sonya Aikles of Bonanza High, James Splond and Sherral Bass of Eldorado High. (Congratulations to all three of these special graduates).

In addition, the program is offering a variety of entertainment and an after party with a light supper buffet. The community is encouraged to attend this meaningful event. If we cannot show support of our youth, who will?...

July 27, 1989--Los Angeles Magic Johnson And Friends Bring The Ball Up The Court For UNCF

Earvin Johnson, MVP of the NBA and Point Guard star of the L.A. Lakers, is set to host the fourth annual Magic Johnson All-Star Classic and Banquet which will benefit the United Negro College Fund. "A Mid Summer Night's Magic" will begin with a pre-game black ties dinner which will take place Aug. 5 at the Century Plaza

Hotel. Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6 at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood. According to the NBA, the Magic Johnson All-Star Classic has become the most successful NBA sanctioned post-season game. Some of the most talented and dynamic players in the NBA have already committed to participating in this special event. In the past, the All-Star Classic and Banquet has raised over \$1 million for Black private colleges and universities that fall under the aegis of U.N.C.F.

"Mid Summer Night's Magic" always draws a capacity crowd and a "who's who" of Hollywood will be present. The public is urged to attend. If interested, call (818) 995-6545 or UNCF (213) 383-7357 for more info. We'll see you there...

How can Las Vegas call itself the "Entertainment Capitol of the World" when a few of the so-called Big Wigs are taking live music from their show rooms? How utterly ridiculous! All this city needs is a good dose of growing up!...

Look for lovely "Lucy Lucille" when she bows in at the Palace Station Aug. 1 through 5. If you're looking for a nice evening of relaxation, check it out.

Until next time...LOVE.

ROWE

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marketing, the brother left rather than deal with "issues that needed to be cleared up."...Hollywood insiders are wondering what Clint Eastwood is paying the 51 Zimbabweans who have been contracted for two months of production work for his "White Hunter, Black Heart" filming on location in their country...The Ku Klux Klan won its dispute with the Kansas City, Mo., City Council and will get to air its program over the city's cable TV public access channel. The vote was seven-to-three to restore the channel, which had been shut off in '88, because it concluded that the city would lose any court action. The U.S. Supreme Court's flag burning ruling played an important role in the Council's decision. The American Civil Liberties Union represented the Klan...The Legal business must be good for the Philly law firm of Armorer, Battle & Mann, P.C., 'cause they footed the bill for a first anniversary celebration at Flanigan's restaurant...It's the Hite of

Christmas In July

WHAT: Food & soft goods collection.

WHEN: July 28, 29 & 30, 1989.

WHERE: Indoor Swap meet of Las Vegas 3455 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, Nv. 89121.

WHY: During the summer months donations to community services drop off -- The Salvation Army, Catholic Community Services, and Westcare all need supplies.

CONTACT: Indoor Swap meet of Las Vegas (702) 641-7927.

CHAIRPERSON: Mary Thompson (702) 878-262636.

Christmas and Hanukkah is the "season of giving". Everyone is full of spirit and goodwill. There are fund raisers, food banks, toys for tots, etc. We all make a special effort to give what we can. Now that temperatures are here, it's easy to forget that hunger is still part of life for some of our less fortunate

Nancy's fancy to typesit for syndicated columnist Billy Rowe.

St. Louis, June 28, 1989-- "N Effect," a St. Louis-based rap trio, was recently declared the best "undiscovered" rap talent in the country by winning the grand prize in the Rapstakes competition, sponsored by King Cobra Premium Malt Liquor.

The King Cobra Rapstakes contest was a nationwide talent search for the best rap talent in America. In more than 100 markets across the country, contestants composed their own raps on cassettes -- using the words "King Cobra" anytime during that rap -- for a chance to win cash and merchandise prizes.

As grand prize winners of the King Cobra Rapstakes competition, "N Effect" received \$5,000 and will make local appearances on behalf of King Cobra Premium Malt Liquor.

The three members of the "N Effect" -- Bridgette Wells, 27, brother Brandon Wells, 26 and Tryrone Brooks, 27 -- have been performing together since junior high school. "We began

King Cobra Crowns 'Rapstakes' Winner



KING COBRA CONGRATULATES RAPSTAKES WINNERS -- Al Cummings (far left), King Cobra brand manager, and Diana Gregory (far right), King Cobra product manager, congratulate the members of N Effect, a St. Louis "rap" trio that recently won the King Cobra Rapstakes competition. As winners, N Effect received the grand prize of \$5,000. Group members are (l. to r.) Tyrone Brooks, Bridgette Wells and Brandon Wells.

performing for local parties in the St. Louis area," said Bridgette Wells. "Tyrone, luckily, heard about the Rapstakes competition over the radio; and we decided to enter."

Wells added that the Rapstakes win has opened more

doors for the group, as it continues to pursue its goal of getting a record contract with a major recording label.

"We are pleased with the results generated from Rapstakes competition," said Al Cummings, King Cobra brand manager. "King

Cobra is very proud to sponsor contests which help new artists in the up-and-coming musical trends."

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